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LETTER DATED 21 DECEMBER 1995 FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

The members of the Security Council have reviewed your report of 13 December 1995 on the implementation of the basic agreement on the region of Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium (S/1995/1028). The members of the Council agree with you that the agreement merits full international support for its effective and timely implementation.

In the agreement it is requested that the Security Council establish a transitional administration and authorize the deployment of an international force. The members of the Security Council, reaffirming resolution 1025 (1995) of 30 November 1995, stand ready to consider the option that both be components of a United Nations operation, and, if the Council decides to establish such an operation, they stress the need for the necessary financial resources to be made available in a timely fashion.

The members of the Security Council agree that the force should operate under an appropriate mandate and be provided with the necessary protection. They encourage you to accelerate discussions with possible troop contributors so that the force can be deployed at the earliest possible date.

The members of the Council agree with your observation that implementation of the 12 November agreement will be complex and difficult. They recognize the danger that the two sides might have different interpretations of some of its provisions. They therefore welcome your decision to send an envoy to the region as soon as is convenient to discuss the implementation of the agreement with the Government of Croatia and representatives of the local Serbs, and practical aspects of the establishment of a United Nations operation, including the possibilities for assistance from the host country in offsetting its cost.

(Signed) Sergey LAVROV
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